



The Secretary for Health Services
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
275 EAST MAIN STREET
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40621-0001
(502) 564-7042

PAUL E. PATTON
GOVERNOR

MARCIA R. MORGAN
SECRETARY

October 8, 2003

Dear Home Health Provider:

Home Health Provider Letter #A-91

This letter is to provide clarification regarding the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) policy for PRN (as needed) requests. DMS defines a PRN visit as an unplanned visit that is not an element of and does not alter the individual's Plan of Care (POC). PRN requests must be "called-in" to National Health Services (NHS) in advance unless the request is for a PRN related to the approved diagnosis list. DMS worked in collaboration with the provider community to develop this list. Effective September 29, 2003, DMS will allow **one (1) initial (up-front) PRN visit per 60-day service plan period.**

The following is the approved diagnosis list:

1. Visit for the purpose of filling medication boxes and insulin pre-fills;
2. Foley catheter care;
3. IV care when not a part of routine care;
4. G-tube/ NG-tube/ PEG-tube when the tube is clogged or dislodged;
5. Severe Respiratory Disease/ Ventilator Patients when a complication in vent care arises;
6. Anticoagulant Therapy when the patient is in stages of therapy which may require unscheduled treatment;
7. Colostomy or Tracheostomy Care when a new patient may need assistance until becoming familiar with the procedure and recognizing the signs and symptoms of problems.

Reminder: Any other diagnosis(es) needing a PRN visit shall follow the established "call-in" procedure prior to the visit. DMS advised the provider

"...promoting and safeguarding the health and wellness of all Kentuckians."



community of the "call-in" procedure for prior authorization in a November 2001 provider letter. NHS may be reached at (800) 664-5725.

Should there be questions regarding home health policy, you may contact Craig Cooper at (502) 564-5560 or by email at craig.cooper@mail.state.ky.us.

The Department for Medicaid Services appreciates the continuing cooperation from all home health providers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "morg", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Marcia R. Morgan
Secretary

MRM/cc/tb